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From the Cincinnati Commercial.

WHY NOT ENLIST.

BY M. D. POTTER.

Why don't I enlist? Ah, you see,
I have reasons that answer me well;
But the Union is my father, my home,
Why he stays no person can tell!
So hearty and rugged and brave,
Available to do duty, you know,
He hasn't a house nor a field,
And there isn't a reason to show!

But I have a pretty young wife,
With a sweet little babe in her arms,
But shall I risk the Nation's dear life,
Because a frail woman has charms?
Ah, if he comprehended my need,
His wife and his babe would be kissed,
He would tear their white arms from his neck
And come promptly up and enlist.

But I have a farm and a house,
And cattle and sheep on the hills,
How can I turn from profit and loss,
To think of a sick Nation's ills?
What money I'd lose if I went—
What chances for traffic and gain,
Then think of the cost of the war,
And the camp and the carnage and slain!

But there is young Truman De Loew,
Whose mother is widowed and old,
And he has but little to do,
Since their father died the sheriff was sold.
If he should enlist and get shot,
How many a one has before,
He would leave his mother in the town,
Or ask alms at the wealthy man's door.

I am ready to cheer the old flag
And toss up my hat in the air—
As long as it floats on a breeze,
By the Union I'm ready to swear!
Let the blood of the Nation flow out
Like a river to quench its foe,
Let each father and brother turn out,
And the Eagle scream out in the storm
Ashamed of the ignoble race!

Ah! there comes an alarm from the South,
Like the swimmer's shriek of distress
An army, beleaguered and watched,
By a vigilant foe, is sore oppressed!
And the temple of liberty rocks
And trembles from turret to base,
And the Eagle screams out in the storm
Ashamed of the ignoble race!

Communicated.]

TENNESSEE MONEY.

As a citizen of this great metropolis, and
somewhat interested (a one man interest,) in
its commercial prosperity and future great-
ness, I present a few more thoughts on cur-
rency. I have the right to offer these sugges-
tions, and the reader has the right to reject or
combat them. THE WAR is an excuse for al-
most every evil or grievance, yet, it does not
affect in the remotest degree the currency of
the great corn-growing and pork-producing
State of Tennessee, or of its great mart of
trade—Memphis. Neither has Tennessee money
any influence on the war. One thing how-
ever is certain, we have in Memphis two cur-
rencies, one of which is wholly monopolized
by a very small number, but otherwise, a very
respectable class of citizens, known as cotton
and sugar sellers and street brokers, the other
for the balance of the people, composing about
nineteen-twentieths of the whole community.

It is a very striking and singular fact, that this
first class of people, instead of controlling cir-
cumstances, are themselves (or seem to be,) con-
trolled by circumstances. Some of them have
been unfortunate enough to have borrowed
gold, and they have to sell for gold to make
their word and obligation good, others, that
are good Union men, are determined to sell
for nothing but gold or greenbacks, "just for
spite," because, forsooth, the dealers who came
here on the opening of the blockade, sold their
goods for gold and Northern funds. Another
class want gold because they are going South,
and still another class, and, by far the larger
portion of these afflicted people, want gold
money because they are going North, they do
not wish to ship their cotton and sugar North
for sale, oh! no; they will sell it here for less
than Northern prices, so they can take their
good money with them. Of course, every man
has a right to a choice of funds in effecting
sales, but it is a disputed point whether they
have the right to share Tennessee bank notes
and pass them again at par, at the same time
raising "a hue and cry" against mer-
chants for discounting Tennessee money, or for
charging enormous profits. One man can pull
down more brick wall in a day than forty men
could build, so can one man, who sells for an
exclusive currency, or, makes a livelihood by
shaving his neighbor's money, do more injury
to the currency than twenty merchants who
have a license to sell "at one place," could counter-
act. Again, commission merchants, who
pay from \$100 to \$150 license, and are taxed
five per cent. a month extra, are confined to
one place, while dozens of people are peddling
sugar and cotton about town without license,
and consequently without law, utterly reject-
ing Tennessee bank notes, thereby making an
insidious war upon our own money.

Inseparably connected with the subject, the
close observer need not be told that for months
the New England banks have been forcing
their circulation westward, and while western
editors have time and again cautioned their
patrons against the circulation of the small
bills of eastern banks, I have yet to see the
first editorial of the kind in a Memphis paper.

As a merchant, I am forced before the public
in self-defense, and in defense of a currency
in which every Memphian is interested in up-
holding. Eastern bank notes derive their
credit from the fact that they will buy articles
not manufactured or produced in sufficient
quantities in Tennessee. They are, however,
of nominal and uncertain value, for, by recent
statements, the New England banks have only
about one dollar in specie for every twelve of
their circulation—some of them, whose paper
passes freely have but one dollar to sixteen!

Reader, I have a question to put just here:
Dare any sane man say that our banks are in
any such fix? If not, why is the attempt
made to discredit them at home except for
sinister motives? Again: the Treasury note
paper will soon force the circulation of the
New England banks home, and then look out
for the inevitable result of an expanded bank-

paper circulation. Tennessee has nothing to
fear from the circulation of Treasury notes;
for, as fast as this paper is disbursed, it finds
its way north to purchase northern goods.
Just here I raise my pen against the cir-
culation of eastern bank notes in our midst, and
in favor of our own, not that I love Yankee
paper less, but our own more. Our own paper,
controlled by our own men, and the profits of
banking distributed among our own people, is
the true doctrine. The issues of the State
banks of Ohio, of Indiana, of Iowa, and the
Missouri banks, are among the best banks of
the country, from the fact of their being in the
valley of the Mississippi, and not therefore
subject to the whims and caprices of the
"bills" and "bears" of Wall street.

MERCHANT.

Sensible Resolutions.

On the 30th ult., the citizens of Philadelphia
assembled in Independence Square by thou-
sands and thousands, for the purpose of ex-
pressing their views, and in order to show
their willingness to sustain the Government of
the Stars and Stripes under any and all condi-
tions. After several able and patriotic speeches
the following resolutions were adopted unani-
mously:

1. Resolved, That the welfare of the people,
and our existence as a nation, demand that the
war which has been forced upon us by rebel-
lious States, without cause or provocation,
shall be prosecuted, on the part of the Govern-
ment, with the stern and inflexible purpose of
conquering its enemies; and that all the power
and all the means which the Executive can
command ought to be employed for that pur-
pose, without hesitation or delay. (Cheers.)

2. That we think the President for the re-
cent orders issued by his authority, indicating
an abandonment of that policy which has pro-
tected the property of rebels, proved disas-
trous to the health of our armies, and, by pro-
longing the war, has illustrated the fact that
such leniency to our enemies is neither mer-
ciful nor wise. (Cheers.)

3. That we acknowledge only as our friends
those who are loyal to the Government and
give it an earnest and unqualified support; and
that all others, whether living in our midst or
fighting in the ranks of our foes, are our ene-
mies and the enemies of the people, and ought
to be treated as such.

This resolution created a perfect furor of
evidences of approval.

4. That no interference by foreign powers in
the pending war can be tolerated, with any pro-
text or any circumstances, but will be resisted
to the last extremity; and to that end we sol-
emnly pledge to each other and to the Govern-
ment our lives, our property, and our honor
as a people. (Enthusiastic applause.)

5. That we heartily approve the call of the
President for an additional force of three hun-
dred thousand men, and ratify the proceedings
of the preliminary meeting of citizens held at
the rooms of the Board of Trade, on the 29th
instant, on the subject of subscriptions and
bonuses to volunteers to fill the regiments
and companies required from Philadelphia. (Cheers.)

6. That the mayor and council of the city,
and the proper authorities of the several
counties of the State, be requested to have the
muster rolls of all Pennsylvania regiments and
companies from their respective localities, en-
gaged in the service of the country during the
present war, copied into books of parchment,
suitably bound, and deposited in the custody of
the ages, places of birth, residences and occu-
pations of all the officers and men, and deposit
the same in the Hall of Independence, to be
preserved among its relics of honor as a legacy
to our children. (Cries of "Good!" "Good!")

7. That every able-bodied citizen capable of
bearing arms be requested to unite himself
with some military organization, for the pur-
pose of receiving tactical instruction and pre-
paring himself for such military service as the
necessities of the country may require. (Cheers.)

The question being taken, they were unani-
mously and vociferously approved.

Letter from "Occasional."

WASHINGTON, July 30, 1862. Annihilation!
Shall the Republic be annihilated? Such is
the distinct alternative. Which shall we
choose? The hour for hesitation is passed.
The hour for determination has come. Every
minute adds alms to the responsibilities and
perils of the Government. But the Govern-
ment must be saved. The great neces-
sity of minor issues, doubts and interests are
absorbed. It is one of the grand characteris-
tics of our people that every new danger calls
from them new courage. Victory does not cre-
ate over-exultation; for victory is their deserved
reward, and they accept it as such. But
defeat maddens them. They do not find the
word defeat in their vocabulary; and they
have not yet learned to submit to the decree
that a cause so right as ours may sometimes be
overborne by the wronged foe. But they re-
sist from every fall with heroic energy. To
such a race the alternative of the annihilation
of their Government or the annihilation
of the rebellion is now presented.

They will not weaken under it.
All that is needed is that they should
feel that it is so. This done and
the great work is begun. There are some
things that should be written on our hearts
like those actions that have lived so long as to
become petrified facts. These are: No peace
that is not conquered. The rebels fight for
their lives and for our death. We could not
give what they would demand, without con-
senting to our own degradation, and to such a
mutilation of our own soil as would leave us
doubtfully degraded.

Reading our reverses in this light, we must
accept them as admonitions and instructions.
It is just possible that a series of vast vic-
tories would have produced a peace equally false
and temporary. God, in his providence, may
send us disaster as well to chasten as to crys-
tallize us—to lower our pride and to harden us
for a long fight and a lasting settlement. Every
day educates us for a higher destiny. It is
amazing how much the traveler can endure
after he has passed over a difficult journey. A
year ago we were raw and undisciplined, in-
dolent, luxurious and self-sufficient—strangers
alike to our weakness and our strength. To-
day we are a people who have passed through
a dreadful probation; and although probably
no nearer the peace that must at last come to
us than twelve months since, yet so conscious
of our power, and so confident of a right re-
sult, that we shall soon be ready for all our
foes, foreign and domestic. Courage, then,
fellow-countrymen! If we do not live to the
end of our struggle for freedom, we may rest
content that the end will be a good one.

Second, That immediate report be made to
Gen. S. C. Turner, Judge Advocate, in order
that such persons may be tried before a military
commission.

Third, The expenses of arrest and imprison-
ment will be certified to by the chief clerk
of the War Department for settlement and
payment.

[Signed] EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

DETROIT, August 8.—Michigan has nearly
filled her quota under the first call for 300,000
men, and will finish her quota under the last
call without resorting to draft if a short ex-
tension of time is allowed; eight regiments

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